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Kentucky's No Call List Turns One

On July 15, Kentucky's Telemarketing No Call List turned one-year-old. And Attorney General Ben Chandler says that Telemarketers have gotten the message, "No More Calls Please!"

Since Chandler announced the law there has been a dramatic reduction the number of unwanted telemarketing calls to Kentucky residents whose telephone numbers are on the Kentucky No Call list. Chandler's office has seen the number of complaints of unwanted telemarketing calls drop over 90% since the law took effect on July 15, 2002, from a daily high of 193 complaints reported on July 18, 2003, to an average of just over 7 per day.

Over 798,000 Kentucky residential telephone numbers are on the Kentucky No Call list representing over half of the state.

Since last year over 1,500 companies have obtained the Kentucky No Call list. Since the law took effect Chandler's office has filed ninety-six (96) enforcement actions and obtained over \$500,000 in civil penalties from companies located in twenty-four (24) states for violations of the No Call law.

"There are still a lot of Kentuckians who haven't

heard about the No Call list, and we want people to know that it is easy to sign-up and it is free," Chandler said.

Kentuckians can sign-up their residential telephone number on the No Call list by calling toll free 1-866-592-2550 or by visiting the Attorney General's No Call website online at "www.kycall0.com."



Attorney General Ben Chandler discusses the No Call List



TRIAD Conference Highlights

The statewide TRIAD conference was held at the Executive Inn, Paducah in conjunction with the Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition Conference, June 18-19, 2003. TRIAD's from all over the state were represented. Jim Wright, National TRIAD Director, and Dottie Burkette-Dreggors, from Seminole County, Florida were guest speakers.

Outstanding Projects and Volunteers were recognized at the Awards Banquet on June 18th. Campbell County TRIAD and Green River Regional TRIAD received awards for their Senior Day Out Projects and

Lexington/Fayette County TRIAD received an award for their Emergency Cell Phone Project. Several individuals were recognized for their dedication and contributions to TRIAD.

Participants at the conference received information on how to promote volunteers for their TRIAD; creative ideas on new projects and participated in the Fatal Experience Driving Simulation. In addition, several TRIAD's displayed material and projects they have done. All participants were enthusiastic about the information received, friends made, great food and fun they had in

Paducah.

Special thanks to the Paducah TRIAD for hosting the conference and providing numerous volunteers. Bob Douglas, Executive Director for K.C.P.C. and Sgt. J. P. Roberts, President of K.C.P.C. are to be commended for their assistance in making this conference a success. In addition, AARP and Lourdes Hospital should be thanked for providing refreshments to all participants during the conference.

We look forward to the next Statewide TRIAD conference!



Back by popular demand: Dottie Burkette, from Seminole County, Florida, shares with participants during a session at the conference

TRIAD Conference Highlights



2003 Outstanding Project Award Winners

Clockwise from top left:
Green River Regional TRIAD

Lexington/Fayette County TRIAD

Campbell County TRIAD



Seniors Day Out

Senior Day Out programs were held in Paducah, Lexington and Somerset during May, Older Americans Month. These events, hosted by their local TRIAD organizations, have become an annual event where senior citizens learn about crimes against the elderly and how to protect themselves from becoming a victim.

The participation from local agencies that offer services to senior citizens has helped in making these events successful. Over 1,000 seniors attended the Senior Day Out programs in Paducah, Lexington and Somerset. Plans for next years program are already in process.



Line dancers perform in Paducah at the Senior Day Out



Participants listen to a presentation in Somerset at Senior Day Out



Lucille Simcox, left, and Mattie Brandon have been friends for over 80 years



Meet a Pair of Centenarians

How Long Have You Been Friends?

Think about your oldest life long friend, do you remember someone from school 30, 40 or even 50 years ago? Well, Mattie Brandon and Lucille Simcox probably got you beat, they met in 1919 where they both worked for the telephone company in Lexington. They have been friends for over 80 years! They have lived together at Sayre Christian Village for the last 20 years.

Lucille Simcox was born in Lexington in 1901, and attended the Harrison School. After graduation she began a 41 year career working for the phone company.

In 1921 she married Charles Stanley Simcox who worked for the U.S. Postal service, they enjoyed 37 years together. Lucille loves to travel and has visited several foreign countries. She made a hobby of sewing. While she enjoyed a long marriage and career, she has enjoyed her friendship to Mattie Brandon much longer. At the celebration of her 100th birthday in March 2001, Lucille was asked what she wanted for her birthday. Her answer, "I just want to be here when Mattie turns 100". Her birthday wish came true. On April 8th, 2003 Mattie turned 100

and Lucille was there to celebrate.

Mattie Brandon was born in Fayette County in 1903 and has lived there her entire life. She lived off Russel Cave Road and attended St Pauls School. She first met Lucille when she started her 21 year career at the telephone company in 1919. That year she also married a local grocer, Robert Eales. Robert die in 1932. She later married Chesley Brandon. Mattie had 1 daughter, 4 step children, 18 grandchildren, and "to many great grandchildren to count". Five generations were present for her 100th Birthday Party.

These two precious ladies are great friends, and a delight to everyone they meet. They both still possess a good sense of humor. Lucille likes to tease her "young" friend about her teddy bears. Mattie has over 300. Their advice is be nice when you meet someone, you never know how long you are going to know them.



Dates to Remember

September 9 Senior Day Out **Towne Mall, Elizabethtown**
For more information, contact Barbara Matsukes at (270) 737-1616

September 10 Senior Crime College **Warren Co. TRIAD, Bowling Green**
For more information, contact Michelle Hines at (270) 781-2381

October 7 Senior Day Out **Mid City Mall, Louisville**
For more information, contact Vivian Lothery at (502) 266-6084

October 8 Senior Day Out **Town Square Mall, Owensboro**
For more information, contact Vivian Craig at (270) 926-4433

Ah, Retirement...

Roberta Merideth
*Office of the Attorney General
Senior Protection Branch*



Yep, it's true — I'm retiring. September 1, 2003 will be the beginning of a whole new lifestyle. June of 1974 was the beginning of my tenure with state government, with a break of service of almost 5 years, and now here it is 2003 and it's almost over. My last working day will be August 29, 2003!

As I sit here at my computer and look at the screen, my mind wanders back to when to when I was just getting out of high school and starting a full-time job. Seems like only yester-

day. This is an exciting time for me but it is also kind of sad. It is hard to put into words what my career in state government has been, especially the last 5 years. Having the privilege to work in a job and actually meet the people, face to face, that we are here to serve has been one of the most rewarding gifts I have ever received. I have had the opportunity to travel throughout the state and work hand in hand with so many dedicated and sincere people who deeply care about the senior citizens in Kentucky. The senior citizens of this state have so much to give. Their wisdom and humor continue to amaze me. It would be an honor for anyone to take an afternoon and just sit and listen to some of the most wonderful stories of times past. There is no way that I could ever re-

pay the debt of gratitude to General Chandler for allowing me to be a part of a division that is so meaningful.

The law enforcement personnel that I have come in contact with statewide will always hold a special place for me. I was raised in an atmosphere of "the law". My father, who retired after 30 years with the Kentucky State Police, raised me to respect and abide by the law. I can honestly say when I was growing up I was too "afraid" of doing wrong because I just knew "daddy would get me"!!

As I move towards ending my career in state government, I know that I could not have chosen a better area to work in. Trying to help people from becoming victims of crime or to assist them if they are a victim is both challenging and satisfying.

I cannot even begin to list all the people I have worked with during my years of service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. There would most certainly be some that I would forget to name and then there would be some that I could name that may not even remember me!

The opportunity to work in several different agencies has blessed me with so many friendships. For all of those friendships, I am grateful. I feel God has truly blessed me.

So, with all this in mind I want to say "Thank You" to all those that I have met and worked with during my career in state government and I will treasure the friendships and memories!

Oh — almost forgot, "Jeff, you will miss me", ha ha!!!!



I Pledge Allegiance...

Attorney General Ben Chandler has joined with other state Attorneys General in support of the words “Under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, which includes California and eight other states, ruled in June of 2002, that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in schools is unconstitutional because of the addition, by congress in 1954 of the words “Under God”. State Attorneys General joined together to file a brief in the U.S. Supreme Court asking that the 9th Circuit decision be overturned.

“For almost 50 years, “every word” of The Pledge of Allegiance has been said with pride. Now, especially since September 11th as soldiers, firefighters, and police officers give their lives to keep America safe and free, our Pledge of Allegiance is an oath of support to our country, and to the brave people who have made the ultimate sacrifice,” said Ben Chandler.

The opinion of the Ninth Circuit bans the

voluntary recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in the public schools of our nine westernmost states, thereby directly affecting over 9.6 million students. This opinion implies that both an Act of Congress and a California law are unconstitutional. Before

the Ninth Circuit’s judgment was issued, courts had interpreted the constitution to clearly protect the Pledge of Allegiance and similar patriotic exercises.

The petition, filed by all 50 state Attorneys General, urges the

Supreme Court of the United States to consider reversal of the Ninth Circuit’s judgment.



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